

Amendments to the Specification

Please **AMEND** paragraph [0011] at page 3, as follows

[0011] As a computer for presenting media to its user, one embodiment of the invention includes at least: a client media player program operable to enable the user to play, browse, preview, purchase, ~~or~~ download or present media items for the benefit of the user; a network interface that permits the client media application program to interact with a media commerce server that stores or manages a plurality of media items that can be browsed, previewed, purchased or downloaded; and a task manager that manages performance of at least browse, preview, purchase or download operations by assigning priority levels to each of the browse, preview, purchase or download operations, and managing performance of the browse, preview, purchase or download operations in accordance with the assigned priority levels.

Please **AMEND** paragraph [0029] at page 7, as follows

[0029] At this point, the operation can proceed to execute in order to produce the response to the media task. However, its performance is dependent upon other performing ~~other~~ operations within the environment of the client computer (and perhaps also responsiveness of the server computer). In one implementation, the environment of the client computer is a multi-threaded environment. A decision 212 determines whether any existing operations that are activated have lower priorities. When the decision 212 determines that there are existing operation with lower priorities, then the one or more existing operation that have a lower priority are suspended 214. When the decision 212 determines that there are no existing operations with lower priorities, the operation 214 can be bypassed.

Please **AMEND** paragraph [0032] at page 8, as follows

[0032] As noted above, for each task to be performed, an operation can be invoked. In one embodiment, the computer system provides a multi-threaded environment and each operation can be implemented as one or more threads.

Please **AMEND** paragraph [0033] at page 8, as follows

[0033] FIG. 4 is a diagram depicting an exemplary thread execution 400 according to one embodiment of the invention. The exemplary thread execution 400 illustrates operation of a series of threads in response to a series of tasks to be performed. At time T_0 task A is requested at a client computer. The client computer opens thread A to satisfy task A. At time $T_0 + \Delta t$, while the thread A is executing, the client computer receives task B. The client computer then opens thread B to process the task B. Additionally, it is determined at the client computer that the thread B is a higher priority thread than thread A. Consequently, thread A is suspended, thereby allowing thread B to execute with greater performance.

Please **AMEND** paragraph [0046] at pages 12-13, as follows

[0046] The invention is preferably implemented by software, but can also be implemented in hardware or a combination of hardware and software. The invention can also be embodied as computer readable code on a computer readable medium. The computer readable medium is any data storage device that can store data which can thereafter be read by a computer system. Examples of the computer readable medium include read-only memory, random-access memory, CD-ROMs, DVDs, magnetic tape, and optical data storage devices, ~~and carrier waves~~. The computer readable medium can also be distributed over network-coupled computer systems so that the computer readable code is stored and executed in a distributed fashion.